



Kenilworth School & Sixth Form

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear All

The Year 10 Curriculum Choice Evening was held on Thursday of this week and I hope that everyone who attended found it useful. Following the cycle of assemblies for Year 9 pupils, staff will continue to support students in the important decision making for option choices in the next few weeks. The choices that are made will form a solid foundation for A level study and student performance at GCSE will be crucial in determining suitability of A level choices. Please note that the school can only guarantee that each course will run to GCSE as we cannot guarantee that every course studied up to GCSE will also run at A level in our Sixth Form. We remain committed to ensuring that all students are supported throughout Key Stage 4 to make the right choices for an appropriate pathway from 16-19, whether it be within our school or in a different setting.

A number of changes to the curriculum will be implemented from next year, and current Year 9 students will be the first year to have all of their subjects graded from 1 -9 at the end of their GCSE course of study. These new numerical grades will bear no relation to the levels at KS3 to which we have become accustomed. We spoke about the support that students will get throughout KS4 in preparing them for the new more rigorous GCSEs and methods of learning that will be required in preparing for terminal exams.

All of the new examinations at GCSEs and A level will require students to have a good level of comprehension and sound spelling, punctuation and grammar. As part of the preparation for these new requirements, we will be continuing with our drive on literacy through a number of whole school initiatives, including a weekly focus on an aspect of literacy promoted by all teachers. As we are now in the second year of our focus on literacy, we will be introducing a number of tests for identified students whose literacy requires improvement so that we can measure gains in knowledge as a result of the school-wide literacy initiative.

Following the addition of Citizenship for all last year, and the introduction of Computer Science, we are adding GCSE Psychology as a new option for students next year. We believe that the choices on offer will enable our students to have a very broad and balanced curriculum and to develop the resilience, resourcefulness, and reasoning which contribute towards students having an 'etiquette for success'.

A large party of Year 10 students are currently enjoying the annual ski trip in the Aosta Valley. I know that they have had plenty of snow at the resort and students are enjoying the experience. We look forward to their safe return and to welcoming them back in school next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
H.H.S. Abbott
Headteacher

DIARY DATES



January

22nd Parents
Consultation
Meeting

SKI TRIP



We hear that there has been a good fall of snow and the Ski Trip to Pila is going well.

We will report further next week.

ATTENDANCE

When a student is late they are given a short detention at lunchtime.

If the student fails to attend the lunchtime detention, we will now be texting home to let parents know. If you have any concerns please contact our Attendance Officers.

FUTURE TEACHING SCHOLARS

[<http://cdn.uploadlibrary.com/Imaginativeminds/FutureScholarslogo.png>]

Important information for students studying Maths and Physics at A Level

Students studying maths or physics at university could receive a £15k grant by taking part in a new government initiative. The grant is designed to encourage the brightest and best students into a career in teaching.

Future Teaching Scholars programme

The Future Teaching Scholars programme is a new and exciting route into teaching. It's designed for exceptional students planning to study a maths- or physics-related degree at university. Successful applicants will be awarded a valuable programme of support.

What does the Future Teaching Scholars programme include?

As well as a £15k grant, each Future Teaching Scholar becomes a member of an exclusive and exciting national programme that will reward them with:

- * A new route into teaching specifically designed for Scholars
- * A guaranteed place on an initial teacher training (ITT) course after graduation
- * Support while they study for their maths- or physics-related degree
- * Opportunities to take part in national and regional events related to teaching
- * Links with other Future Teaching Scholars
- * One-to-one support in finding their first teaching job
- * Opportunities to get involved in research to improve maths and physics teaching
- * A pre-ITT course the summer after they graduate
- * Exciting school-based activities during their undergraduate years

This programme only has a limited number of spaces.

Registration ends at midnight on 15th January 2016, so make sure your eligible students act now.

Find out more here

<http://imaginativeminds-mail.co.uk/_act/link.php?mId=AO9454596327847711042436346452616&tId=345284908>

Street Dance

At the end of last term Year 10 street dancers came second in the Free Style Category, Choreographed Routine and Set Dance.

Holly Gale represented the school in the solo dance with an excellent last minute performance.

Well done to all.

Mrs Shakespeare



PARENTS CONSULTATION MEETING

The next Parents' Consultation meeting will take place on Friday 22nd January at 2.30pm in The Conference Room.

This is a chance to have consultation with Mr Abbott within a small forum of parents.

Any parent interested in attending, please contact Linda Fayolle PA to Headteacher at school on 01926 859421

BUS UPDATE

539 Johnsons Coaches from Baginton

There was an occasion this week when the local bus was badly delayed due to very heavy traffic.

Please be aware that if any Johnsons Coaches are delayed they will tweet information on #johnsonstraffic



Coventry University Student Experience Days

Students between Years 10 and 13 are invited to visit Coventry University and take part in interactive lectures and workshops relating to Construction, Architecture and the Built Environment. Taster sessions will complement the Science and Maths curricula and will inspire students to learn more about careers that they may not have considered. Students can choose from sessions including exploring earthquakes through simulations, thermal imaging and the very popular concrete beam making and breaking.

Date: 23rd March 2016

To book a place:

https://crm.dataharvesting.com/events/public_bookings/choose_event/group:5445214eb90e1

SPORTS FIXTURES

	Jan	Year Group	Sport	Opposition	Home Away	Approx Start Finish
Wed	13 th	Year 7	Boys Football	Tournament	Home	6.00pm TBC
Wed	13 th	Year 8 & 10	Girls Football	League	Away	6.00pm
Thu	14 th	Year 10	Girls Hockey	Bablake	Home	5.45pm



USU Urban Night performances this year will take place on

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th February 2016
from 7pm

Tickets will be available to buy online from
11th January at 9.00am for £7.00



Tickets Website: www.usukenilworth.org

Twitter: @usukenilworth

Tickets will also be available to buy with cash/cheque to Kenilworth School during lunch times at Main Reception (Leyes Lane) from
25th January up until the shows.

If you are purchasing a ticket you must be aware that this year we have 2 **different** shows running, so please make sure you buy tickets for the performances you want to see (check with performers)

There is no guarantee that we will have tickets left to sell on the night so buy them quickly!